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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Puckett Family Farm  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number State Road 1333 N/A not for publication  
city, town Satterwhite x vicinity  
state North Carolina code NC county Granville code 077 zip code 27565

## 3. Classification

| Ownership of Property                       | Category of Property                         | Number of Resources within Property |                       |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|   |  | Contributing                        | Noncontributing       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)         | <u>10</u>                           | <u>2</u> buildings    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <u>1</u>                            | <u>      </u> sites   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                | <u>3</u>                            | <u>1</u> structures   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure           | <u>      </u>                       | <u>      </u> objects |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> object              | <u>14</u>                           | <u>3</u> Total        |

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of GranvilleNumber of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register 0County North Carolina

## 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

1-29-88

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National  
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic-single dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic-single dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: vernacular I-House (truncated)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other wood

brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Bright leaf tobacco era outbuildings of virtually every cast stand, amidst immaculately maintained grounds, to three sides of the traditional, frame, farmhouse erected by Joseph and Delia (Hobgood) Puckett about 1899. Only the south-facing front facade of the dwelling has an open view, out across a field that has nourished corn, wheat, soybeans and, most often, tobacco since the turn of the century. The unsullied, almost pristine farmhouse, never marked by the touch of a paint brush, and its equally tidy outbuildings, evoke a clear-eyed vision of traditional bright leaf era farm life in the North Carolina Piedmont.

The neat farmhouse is a plainly finished structure, the earth tones of its weathered clapboards matching those of its log and frame outbuildings. Three bays across, with a central hallway and an abbreviated second story, it is shaded by a long porch still topped by its original standing seam metal roof and flanked at its gable ends by rock and brick chimneys. The separate kitchen that originally served it is gone, replaced early in the century by a gable roofed kitchen and dining room ell to the rear. The breezeway that originally separated the kitchen from the house was enclosed about 1952 and both house and ell are further connected by an L-shaped porch. The welcome enclosure of the breezeway - the Pucketts' granddaughter, Frances, recalls many winter days having to wield a shovel to get from house to kitchen - and the covering of the house's wood shingle roof with seamed metal are the only notable changes made to its exterior since the early twentieth century.

As mutely testified to by the outbuildings arrayed to the west, north and east of the house ["J" on attached sketch map], the farm - along with virtually all of its contemporaries in every reach of the county - has always been geared towards the production of tobacco. Four diamond-notched log barns [C, D, E and F] stand to one side of its dirt entrance lane, opposite a similarly constructed packhouse [B] and striphouse [A]. All of these outbuildings, but for one barn raised around 1950 [F] which is non-contributing because of its age, were built by the Pucketts at the opening of the century. Standing in a row to the south of the barns are an early twentieth century frame garage [G], a former frame corn crib [H] that is non-contributing because it was moved to the site, and a turn of the century, diamond-notched log, former smokehouse [I]. They are joined by two diamond-notched outbuildings also not directly connected with

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the production of bright leaf. Arrayed to the rear of the kitchen ell and its functioning well [K], they are a turn of the century brooder house [M] built by the Pucketts and a washhouse [L], erected around 1950, which is non-contributing because of its age. Three other major outbuildings, all built of frame early in the century, are set off from the east side of the house - a gable roofed corn crib with a single shed [N], a large stable with two sweeping shed rooms [O] and a small, weatherboarded privy [P] that is still in use.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance

circa 1899-1937

Significant Dates

circa 1899

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 4 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Puckett Family Farm - its exceptionally well-maintained farmhouse and outbuildings so evocative of traditional, tobacco belt, farm life - is one of the county's most significant bright leaf era rural properties, an intact symbol of the way most of the county's citizenry led its life from the Civil War into the 1950s. (See associated Historic Context 2 - Bright Leaf Tobacco and Rural Granville County, 1866-1937) Virtually unaltered, the traditionally fashioned, still functioning outbuildings and farmhouse stand within reach of fields that continue to be seeded in corn, soybeans, wheat and, most significantly, tobacco, as they have been since about 1889, when Joseph and Delia (Hobgood) Puckett bought the farm. (See associated Property Types 3 - Bright Leaf Era Farmhouses and Tenant Houses - and 6 - Outbuildings) Although there are many farms of this vintage in the county, most have fallen into disrepair because of fundamental changes in the county's agricultural base and in the raising and processing of the bright leaf; their numbers notwithstanding, none survive with a fuller complement of outbuildings or in more pristine condition than the Puckett Family Farm. The old bright leaf tobacco culture that the farm represents so well survived here, virtually unchanged, into the 1950s; the farm's period of significance has been assigned a closing date of 1937, however, because it has not achieved exceptional importance within the past half century.

Joseph and Delia Pucketts' daughter-in-law, Mamie (Daniel) Puckett, still lives in the house and helps work its fields of tobacco. When she came to the farm following her 1920 marriage to the Pucketts' son, Eugene, she entered a traditional household occupied by an extended family, for Joseph Puckett (Delia had died prior to the marriage), as well as his sisters Hettie and Maggie, lived in the modest, center hall plan dwelling that was also to be her home. Joseph and Delia had built the house around 1899, ten years after they had purchased 135 acres of land from R. W. Winston for \$1,272 [Deed Book 42, Page 385]. The house continues to shelter an extended family, for Mrs. Puckett's daughter-in-law, Frances (Talley) Puckett, who farmed the property with her husband, Thomas, until his death in 1975, and her grandson live in it with her.

The farm's outbuildings are significant for their breadth of function and excellent condition. The six diamond-notched log outbuildings to the house's east, set to either side of a dirt entrance lane, represent the stages of tobacco processing that

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were the rule on bright leaf farms into the 1950s. Planted and picked by hand, with the aid of manual tools and a mule or two - Thomas Puckett purchased the farm's first tractor in 1960 - the tobacco was hung and flue-cured in the barns, three of which are still in use. Now all heated by oil, two of the barns retained wood-burning flues until the late date of 1975. Once cured to the desired bright golden color, the tobacco was carried across the lane to the packhouse, from which it was taken to the steam ordering room of the striphouse, its final destination prior to carting it to market.

The other outbuildings, though not directly related to tobacco production, are nonetheless equally evocative of bright leaf era farm life in the county. Chickens were raised in the log brooder house, meat cured in the log smokehouse, corn stored in the frame crib and the farm's two mules were sheltered in the frame stable. The continuing traditional nature of the farm is exemplified by its log washhouse, frame privy and well. The circa 1950 construction date of the washhouse, a structure rarely found anymore in the county, would be unusual, were it not for the fact that clothes are still laundered in it. Water is yet drawn from the well. And as the need arises, one may still trek east across the neatly trimmed yard, past the well and brooder house and crib, to the small frame privy nestled in the lee of the sweeping sheds of the stable.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Granville County Deeds. Granville County Courthouse, Oxford, N.C.

Interview with Mamie Puckett, June, 1986 and June, 1987.

Interview with Frances Puckett, March, 1987 and June, 1987.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_ approximately 4.5 acres

UTM References

A 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

B 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

C 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

D 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Granville County-Oxford Historic Survey date 8/17/87

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|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 17   | 709040  | 4027100  |
| B | 17   | 709050  | 4026920  |
| C | 17   | 709170  | 4026920  |
| D | 17   | 709170  | 4027060  |
| E | 17   | 709080  | 4027060  |
| F | 17   | 709060  | 4027100  |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at point A: 17 709040 4007100 on the USGS polygon, where the tree line meets the east side of State Road 1333, continuing south approximately 600 feet along the east side of State Road 1333 to point B: 17 709050 4026920 on the polygon, where the tree line meets the east side of State Road 1333. Continuing in a straight line east from point B on the polygon approximately 425 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point C: 17 709170 4026920 on the polygon, where the tree line turns north. Continuing in a straight line north approximately 400 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point D: 17 709170 4027060 on the polygon. Continuing from point D on the polygon in a straight line west approximately 300 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point E: 17 709080 4027060 on the polygon. Continuing in a straight line north approximately 125 feet, along the edge of the woods to point F: 17 709060 4027100 on the polygon. Continuing in a straight line west approximately 250 feet, along the edge of the woods, to the point of origin.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Approximately 4.5 acres that include the dwelling, outbuildings, and cultivated fields that have been a historic

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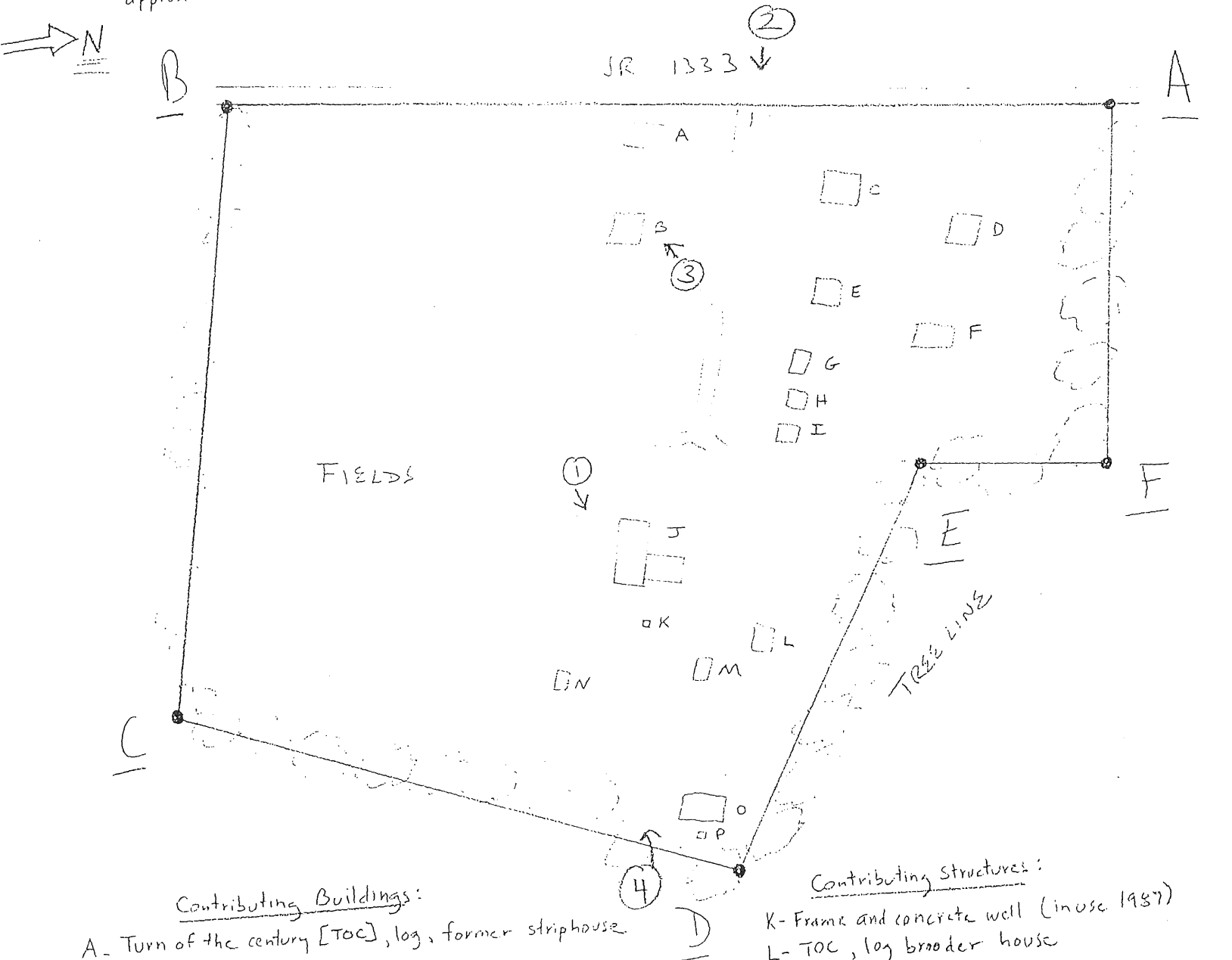
part of the property, maintain historic integrity, and convey the property's historic setting are being nominated for the National Register. The remaining acreage of the property has been excluded because it is now woodland. In this case the land use has substantially changed so that it no longer contributes to the historic integrity or historic significance of the property as a bright leaf era farm.

The western boundary of the property from UTM points A to B includes the dwelling, outbuildings, and fields to its east and excludes property not owned by the owner to its west. The southern boundary from UTM points B to C includes fields to its north and excludes woodland to its south. The eastern boundary from UTM points C to D includes the outbuildings, dwelling and fields to its west and excludes woodland to its east. The northern boundary from UTM points D to E, E to F and F to A includes the outbuildings and dwelling to its south and excludes woodland to its north.

# PUCKETT FAMILY FARM Granville County, North Carolina

approx. scale - 1" = 100"  
approx. acres - 4.5

Underlined capital letters represent the UTM references for the vertices of the polygon drawn to encompass the property on the accompanying USGS map.



## Contributing Buildings:

- A - Turn of the century [TOC], log, former strip house
- B - TOC, log packhouse
- C, D and E - TOC, log tobacco barns
- F - Twentieth century, log tobacco barn
- G - Twentieth century, frame garage
- I - TOC, log, former smokehouse
- J - Dwelling
- L - Twentieth century, log washhouse
- O - Twentieth century, frame stable
- P - Twentieth century, frame privy (in use 1987)

## Contributing Structures:

- K - Frame and concrete well (in use 1987)
- L - TOC, log brooder house
- N - TOC, frame corner crib

## Contributing Site:

Cultivated fields

## Non-contributing Structure:

- H - Former frame corner crib, moved to site

drawn by Patricia Espersen, March, 1987



